

CITY OF SAVANNAH
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL. Purpose: Twenty-nine members appointed to three year terms with two members appointed by City Council to represent the City of Savannah on the Coastal Georgia Regional Redevelopment Center Aging Services Advisory Council. The membership of the Aging Services Advisory Council consists of persons over 60 years of age or consumers, aging advocates, other interested individuals, and local elected officials, one of whom should be a minority. This Council meets quarterly in Richmond Hill, Georgia and from time to time meets with staff to review budgets; get updates on new programs; and provides input on how current and new programs are developed.

CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CAT). Purpose: This authority consists of members of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and three citizen members, one of whom is appointed by Council for the term of the administration.

CHATHAM COUNTY/CITY OF SAVANNAH LANDBANK AUTHORITY. Purpose: The Inter-local Agreement and By-laws established four-year terms for board members. The agreement requires that board members reside in Chatham County and be employees or elected officials of Chatham County and/or the City of Savannah. Board members must also have demonstrated special interest, experience or education in urban planning, real estate, community development, finance or related matters.

CHATHAM ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM. Purpose: A thirty-member board with two appointed to overlapping three-year terms by City Council. Forum seeks consensus to community environmental issues.

CHATHAM/SAVANNAH AUTHORITY FOR THE HOMELESS. Purpose: Nineteen members appointed to overlapping four-year terms. Four appointed by City Council. Develops and oversees implementation of comprehensive plan for public and private agencies to deal effectively with problems of the homeless in our community.

CHATHAM/SAVANNAH YOUTH FUTURES AUTHORITY. Purpose: Fifteen members appointed to overlapping four-year terms. Four appointed by Savannah City Council. Develops and administers a comprehensive plan for public and private agencies to deal effectively with the problem of youth in order to achieve YFA's goals in our community.

CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY (CUTS) CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Purpose: Thirty members, with seven appointed by City Council to **two-year terms**. Responsible for advising the CUTS Policy Committee on matters of public opinion concerning study findings and recommendations.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. Purpose: Three members appointed to overlapping six-year terms by City Council. Basic function is to hear appeals from disciplinary action against an employee when it is alleged the action is taken for political or religious reasons. The Labor Seat should be filled by someone who is not a management-level employee; this person does not have to be a member of a labor union.

COASTAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD. Purpose: The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 created Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), whose charter is to improve workforce quality development, enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the workforce and to reduce welfare dependency. The composition of the WIB is made up of individuals serving in both private and public sectors, who have a genuine interest in improving the quality of the region's workforce. Appointments to the WIB are made by the Consortium of Chief Local Elected Officials within Region 20, which includes Bryan, Glynn, Chatham, Long, Bulloch, Camden, Effingham, Liberty and McIntosh counties. The term of membership is three years.

CODE ENFORCEMENT APPEALS BOARD. Purpose: Nine members appointed to fill overlapping **three-year terms** by City Council. Three appointees must be qualified in the fields of architecture and/or structural engineering. Hear appeals when errors are alleged and other matters affecting property subject to procedures set forth in the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION. Purpose: Nineteen members appointed to **overlapping three-year** terms by City Council. Advisory body charged with the responsibility of recommending a comprehensive plan and program for a community cultural arts services program. No member may serve more than two consecutive three year terms.

DOWNTOWN SAVANNAH AUTHORITY. Purpose: Five members, including Mayor or member of City Council serving his/her term of office and four residents appointed to overlapping 4- year terms by City Council, as well as a member of the Chatham County Delegation to the GA Legislature. Encourages construction of new parking facilities and provides financial incentives for private projects which have economic benefits to the downtown area.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY (EOA). Purpose: Twenty-five members, with eight (8) seat public sector participation, four (4) appointed by City Council for five year terms and four appointed by the County. Seeks to reduce conditions that cause poverty by working directly with poverty-level individuals throughout Chatham County.

ELECTRICAL APPEALS AND ADVISORY BOARD. Purpose: On recommendation from the Mayor, seven members are appointed four-year terms by City

Council: four licensed electrical contractors; two registered consulting electrical engineers (one from power company, one from private firm) and one administrative person from the power company. All members shall have no less than 6 years experience in professional field. Determines appeals to decision of the electrical inspectors of the City.

HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REVIEW. Purpose: Eleven members appointed to overlapping three-year terms by Savannah City Council including one small business owner with an architectural background. Makes decisions on new construction and any changes to historic structures in the City's Historic District.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. Purpose: One member appointed to a three year term by Savannah City Council. The appointee can be reappointed for consecutive terms. The appointee should be a well-acquainted member of the community and have knowledge in some of the following areas: national register nomination, historic tax incentives, streetscapes and urban design, historical research and surveys or preservation.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH. Purpose: Established pursuant to general law O.C.G.A. 8-3-1 et seq. which creates a Housing Authority for each City and County. The general law provides for a governing body of five (5) Commissioners serving a five (5) year term with one (1) appointment each year. Vacancies are filled for the unexpired terms. Commissioners serve until a successor is named. The terms begins, on January 5th of each year. Any appointment after January 5th would be for the remainder of the term expiring on January 5th. The General Assembly of 1994 repealed all special legislation providing for additional Commissioners and Resident Commissioners, thus the only Commissions are the five (5) Regular Commissioners appointed pursuant to general law.

KEEP SAVANNAH BEAUTIFUL. Purpose: Twenty-five members appointed to **overlapping terms of three years** by City Council. An advisory board that works with the City in developing a program to control litter and assist beautification efforts.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION (MPC). Purpose: Twelve members appointed to overlapping three year terms with six appointments made by City Council and the City Manager serving. Aided by professional staff, this commission makes studies of present and future development, assists local government in translating study results into plans, policies and programs; recommends zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations.

PARK AND TREE COMMISSION. Purpose: Nine members appointed to **overlapping three year terms** by City Council. Charged with directing the activities to maintain the parks, squares and trees of Savannah. Term Limit: No member may serve more than three consecutive three year terms.

PENSION BOARD. Purpose: Eight members, including one member of City Council and two residents appointed to **overlapping four-year terms** by City Council; also serving are the City Manager, the City's Chief Financial Officer and three employee-elected representatives. Administers the City of Savannah Employee Retirement Plan.

PILOTAGE COMMISSION. Purpose: Seven members appointed for overlapping seven-year term by City Council. Appointees must include shipping agents, exports, or merchants, or others engaged on or familiar with marine shipping and the requirements of the Port of Savannah. Licenses pilots, prescribes rules and regulations, sets fees and imposes penalties, sets and collects penalties for vessels refusing to take pilots or mistreating pilots. Appointees cannot be pilots.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD. Purpose: The board of appeals shall consist of a minimum of three members who are qualified by experience and training to pass on matters pertaining to property maintenance and who are not employees of the jurisdiction. The code official shall be an ex-officio member but shall have no vote on any matter before the board. The board shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority, and shall serve staggered and overlapping terms.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION. Purpose: Five members appointed to **overlapping five-year terms** by City Council. Responsible for the operation, development and maintenance of municipal airport; and independent authority with its own staff and revenue sources.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM BOARD OF HEALTH. Purpose: To determine the health needs and resources by collecting, analyzing and evaluating health data pertaining to the health of community and assuring compliance to local and state requirements. Two members appointed to four year terms.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNCIL OF DISABILITY ISSUES. Purpose: The Savannah –Chatham Council of Disability Issues shall facilitate and coordinate community efforts to improve the quality of life for citizens with disabilities for the City of Savannah and Chatham County through advising and advocating local leaders. The Council shall be composed of ten (10) members with representation balanced among the business community, human service providers, and consumers (i.e., citizens with disabilities). At least ½ of members shall be persons with persons with physical or mental disabilities. Members shall serve overlapping two (2) year terms, with eligibility for reappointment to a second consecutive two year term. Appointees may fill a remaining unexpired term plus serve two consecutive two year terms of their own. Members appointed to a one-year initial term may serve that term plus two consecutive two year terms. Members shall serve staggered terms after the initial appointment.

SAVANNAH/CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS COMMISSIONS (HS&M). Purpose: Five members appointed to **overlapping five year terms** by City Council. Recommends plan and cost estimates for the erection of

any monuments or substantial restoration of same in the City or County and may hold title and pay for same.

SAVANNAH CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU. Purpose: To facilitate communication between Savannah City Council and the CVB. City Council in 1992 elected to appoint one of its members to sit with the CVB during their regular meetings.

SAVANNAH DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AUTHORITY (SDRA). Purpose: Twenty –five members appointed to four- year terms (except for first appointments which are half two-year and half-four year terms, all residents of the City. Develops recommendations to City Council for revitalization of Savannah’s downtown including comprehensive planning, beautification, marketing, etc.

SAVANNAH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Purpose: Nineteen members, six appointed by City Council, serving **overlapping five year terms.** Conducts a program of industrial and port development for the City of Savannah and Chatham County and is self-funded. No one holding public office or receiving compensation from either public entity can serve.

SAVANNAH FILM COMMISSION. Purpose: Nineteen (19) member board. City Council appoints nine citizens from the community, four representatives from the motion picture and television industry and one representative from small business. One ex-officio is appointed by the Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, one ex-officio by the President of the Downtown Neighborhood Association and one member of the State Film Commission, ex-officio. The term of office for ex-officio members shall be for the term of office in the organization they represent. The terms of the office of all other members shall be four years, except for those first appointed for two year terms and three for four-year terms. When the terms of those first appointed shall expire, their successors shall be appointed for four year terms. The beginning date of the terms of each appointment shall be April 1 and the expiration date of each appointment shall be March 31. Members appointed on dates other than April 1 shall have their terms begin on April 1 of the year appointed. A member of the Commission shall not serve more than two successive four year terms. Advises and assists the film director in developing a program for responding to inquiries from production companies about filming in the community. Term Limits: Not more than two successive four-year terms.

SAVANNAH HOSPITAL AUTHORITY. Purpose: Seven members appointed to **overlapping four year terms** by City Council. Arranges the contractual agreements between Candler General Hospital and purchases of hospital authority bonds used to finance the building of their complex off DeRenne.

SAVANNAH RECREATION COMMISSION. Purpose: Twelve members are appointed to three-year terms by City Council. Serves as an advisory body on recreational programs and facilities.

SAVANNAH RESOURCE RECOVERY. Purpose: A 1981 Council Resolution created this Authority consisting of five members appointed for four-year terms. Membership includes: An Alderman, City Manager, City Finance Director, City Sanitation Director and a citizen. No term limits noted in the legislation.

SAVANNAH ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Purpose: Five members appointed to **overlapping three year terms** by City Council. Members cannot hold public office, except for one appointee who must be a current member of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. Board hears and rules on appeals from decisions of the zoning administrator and hears and rules on requests for permits which require the board's approval.

TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Purpose: Established in 1993 to oversee implementation of tour bus ordinance. This task force is to advise and recommend to City Council on tourism issues. **Three-year term. Two-term-limit.** Then once off committee for one year, can serve again. Thirteen members are appointed to this task force as follows: One shall be a representative of the lodging industry; one shall be a representative of a tour company; one shall be a member of the Savannah Hospitality Association (SHA); one shall be a member of the Savannah Visitors Bureau; one shall be a representative from a historic district museum or attraction; two shall be members of the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA); one shall be a member of the Historic District Residents Association; two shall be members of the Historic Savannah Foundation; one shall be a representative of the food, beverage and/or retail industries; one shall be at large with demonstrated knowledge of the history and/or architecture of the historic district; and one shall be at large.

UNITED WAY BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Purpose: A member of City Council is appointed for a one-year term to this approximately 200 members board. Trustees meet annually to vote on their Board of Directors and officers for the United Way of the Coastal Empire.